

# Kevin Appel

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## Profile

Solution architect, engineer and subject matter expert with the Linux technologies for over 20 years. Highly experienced with a foot print of over 250,000 customers. Certified and up to date with current Linux systems, involved directly with lifecycle and strategy to enhance the platform. Able to analyze, document, define and execute a solution to resolve a business driven demand. Provide a translation between technical and business related items and develop an avenue to accomplish the goal. Ability to create, support, and execute solutions designed for customers ranging from a small group to a base footprint of over over 250,000 individuals. Design and execute on solutions to meet requirements and perform as the subject matter expert.

## Experience

### Senior Solutions Architect/Engineer, Wells Fargo, Charlotte, North Carolina 2009 - Current

Platform ownership for the Linux technology. Design solutions based on business driven requirements to identify, define, and execute. Define execution plans based on customer demand and impact. Evaluate existing environments and provide solutions to enhance the environment for optimization and performance. Technology awareness and injection possibility for new items to enhance and provide a roadmap to accomplish the end goal. Provide collaboration between different areas and translate business requirement(s) into executable technical tasks. Provide technical and business consulting to ensure the drivers meet the end. Interact and provide guidance with internal engineering teams to provide the most cost effective solutions. Develop and execute standards to aid in the optimization of the technology platform. Define training criteria and partner with multiple customers to provide optimized training opportunities.

### Senior Systems Engineer, Wachovia, Charlotte, North Carolina 2007 - 2009

SME for Red Hat platform and define items for enhancement and implementation. Evaluate, assess, and execute on strategies for enhancement. Plan, define, and execute on migration strategies from Windows or Unix platforms to Linux. Tuning and optimization efforts for existing environments. Training, knowledge transfer, and mentorship between internal co workers. Ownership and support of the highest level systems and enhancements to mitigate impact.

### Senior Systems Engineer, Triad Guaranty, Winston Salem, North Carolina 2005 - 2007

Manage a portfolio of mixed Unix and Linux technologies. Design, solution, and execute on SAN based technologies for implementation. Convert previous Unix technologies to Linux and data analysis to provide information to validate the migration(s). Ensure operational and availability to meet business driven timelines.

### Systems Engineer, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California 2003 - 2005

Conversion of legacy Unix platforms to current Linux technologies. Created and executed a solution to enhance network on-boarding of new students. Lead integration and performed as the SME to provide a single sign on for the university.

## Education

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California — Master of Science: Computer Science, 2005  
Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California — Bachelor of Science: Computer Science, 2003

## Skills

Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE), Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 (RHEL6), 2012  
PHP, HTML, Perl, C++, JSP, Java, MySQL, YUM, ZLM, RUG, HPSA, HPOO, Red Hat, RHEL, SLES, SUSE, Oracle Linux, VMWare, Veritas, Dell, OMSA, HP, EMC, Hitachi, Oracle